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SUBJ: SOVIET DRAFT ARTICLES ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET DELOFF CONSTANTIN FEDOROV PASSED COPIES OF ARTICLES WHICH CALL FOR CONSENT FOR SHELF RESEARCH, AND RESOURCE-RELATED RESEARCH. ALL OTHER RESEARCH REQUIRES NOTIFICATION, PARTICIPATION, SHARING OF DATA AND SAMPLES, AND ASSISTANCE IN INTERPRETATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

2. FEDOROV REQUESTED MEETING TO SUPPLY US WITH A COPY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ARTICLES THEY HAD PREPARED. FEDOROV STATED THAT SOVIET MINISTRIES HAD EXAMINED ALL ALTERNATIVES AND FOUND THE TEXT DISCUSSED BELOW WAS THE ONLY ONE ON WHICH AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. AFTER EXPLAINING VARIOUS MINOR PROVISIONS IN THE TEXT, HE ASKED THAT WE ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THEM LATER IN THE WEEK TO DIS-
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CUSS THEIR ARTICLES IN DETAIL. HE SAID THAT COPIES HAD

BEEN GIVEN TO FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM, SWITZERLAND, ITALY AND CANADA. WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE ALSO AWARE OF THEIR ARTICLES.

3. MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE SOVIET TEXT FOLLOW:

QUOTE: ARTICLE 4. A. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CONCERNING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, AS DEFINED IN THIS CONVENTION, AND UNDERTAKEN THERE SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE. REQUESTS FOR SUCH CONSENT SHALL BE ANSWERED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. THE COASTAL STATE HAS RIGHT TO DETERMINE CONDITIONS OF CARRYING OUT SUCH RESEARCH, TO PARTICIPATE OR TO BE REPRESENTED IN IT.

B. ARTICLE 5. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ARTICLE 6 BELOW, ALL STATES, WHETHER COASTAL OR LAND-LOCKED, ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS AND WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION, AS WELL AS COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ENJOY FREEDOM OF CONDUCTING MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OF THE OPEN SEA INCLUDING THE SEA-BED BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, AS DEFINED IN THIS CONVENTION.

C. ARTICLE 6. IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONVENTION, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF THE ZONE SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE. REQUESTS FOR SUCH CONSENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED WELL IN ADVANCE AND SHALL BE ANSWERED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. THE COASTAL STATE HAS RIGHT TO DETERMINE CONDITIONS OF CARRYING OUT SUCH RESEARCH, TO PARTICIPATE OR TO BE REPRESENTED IN IT.

D. IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONVENTION, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH UNRELATED TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF THE ZONE SHALL BE CONDUCTED AFTER AN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE COASTAL STATE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT.

E. THE NOTIFICATION MENTIONED IN PARA. D. ABOVE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE COASTAL STATE AT LEAST 2 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. THE COASTAL STATE SHALL BE GIVEN:

(A) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT, INCLUDING OBJECTIVES, METHODS AND INSTRUMENTATION TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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USED, LOCATIONS AND TIME SCHEDULE, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE RESEARCH INSTITUTION CONCERNED;

(B) INFORMATION ON ANY MAJOR CHANGES WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT;

(C) AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE RESEARCH PROJECT ABOARD SHIPS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE CARRYING OUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT BUT WITHOUT ANY REMUNERATION BEING PAID BY IT TO THE SCIENTISTS

OF THE COASTAL STATE;

(D) ACCESS TO ALL DATA AND SAMPLES OBTAINED IN THE
COURSE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE DATA AND SAMPLES DUPLICABLE OR DIVISIBLE
WITHOUT ANY LOSS TO THEIR SCIENTIFIC VALUE SHALL BE
PROVIDED TO THE COASTAL STATE AT ITS REQUEST;

(E) ASSISTANCE, AT ITS REQUEST, IN THE INTERPRETATION
OF THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT.END QUOTE.

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